



You're invited to attend a CoCoRaHS training workshop!

The National Weather Service and the Minnesota State Climatology Office have teamed up to provide a free 2 hour workshop for current or prospective CoCoRaHS observers across central and southern Minnesota and western Wisconsin.

The workshop will include in-depth training on precipitation, snowfall, and snow depth measurements. Participants will have hands-on training in using a 4" rain gage, snow board, and snow measuring stick to take daily weather observations.

Guidance on where to site weather observing equipment, and a step-by-step demonstration on how to enter and view observations on the CoCoRaHS website will also be provided. Other topics of discussion will include how CoCoRaHS observations are used by the National Weather Service, the Minnesota State Climate Office, and others; and how CoCoRaHS observers can provide special observations during significant weather events such as hail, flooding, and severe winter weather, via the CoCoRaHS website.

Workshops are being offered in October at the following locations:



Wednesday October 13, 2010

Rosemount, MN

Dakota Communications Center

6:30 to 8:30 PM

Thursday October 14, 2010

Hudson, WI

St. Croix County Government Center

6:30 to 8:30 PM



Advanced registration is required. Please contact Michelle Margraf at the National Weather Service in Chanhassen, Minnesota to register at Michelle.Margraf@noaa.gov or 952-368-2520. The workshop is free, and open to the public. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Each participant will receive a confirmation of class registration via mail or e-mail.

The Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow network, known as CoCoRaHS, is a grass-roots organization which began in Colorado, and has spread across all 50 states. Through this network, anyone with a standard 4" rain gage and an interest in weather can share precipitation information gathered in their backyard with the world via the CoCoRaHS website. For more information on how to join the CoCoRaHS network or order a rain gage, please visit <http://www.cocorahs.org/>.